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Invitation to Negro To Richmond Fete Cancelled as Error

NEW YORK, April 11 (P).—Dr. Cilan B. Powell, prominent New York Negro and a native of Virginia, has been asked to return an invitation to a dinner in his home State to which he was invited last week by the Governor himself.

Dr. Powell, publisher of the Amsterdam News in Harlem, had already accepted the invitation to the dinner "for distinguished Virginians" in Richmond on May 17. The dinner was described as part of a celebration of the 350th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in America, at Jamestown.

The invitation was signed by Gov. Thomas B. Stanley, and Frank A. Ernst, president of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

A request for the return of the invitation was telegraphed Tuesday.

In Richmond, the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, Vernon Kemp, said last night "there had been an error" in issuing the invitation. He said the names of the some 600 persons invited had been "compiled variously."

Dr. Powell, a physician as well as a publisher, was born in Newport News, Va., in 1894. In "Who's Who in America" he is listed as a graduate of Virginia Normal College and Howard University, both Negro institutions.

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